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In response to the Official Action issued on September 15, 2004, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this paper. In addition, Applicant's remarks begin at page 5 of this paper. Further, attached for the Examiner's consideration is a verified translation of Japanese Application No. 2001-014833 filed January 23, 2001.